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TAGS: PFOR, IN, US

SUBJECT: INDIAN CRITICISM OF U.S.

1. AT LUNCH HOSTED BY INDIAN DCM GONSALVES APRIL 25 FOR HIS SUCCESSOR-DESIGNATE VENKATESWARAN, CURRENTLY VISITING HARVARD FELLOW, NEA DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARIES DUBS AND SOBER, SAM LEWIS S/P, AND KUX BORED IN RATHER HARD WITH REGARD TO RECENT HIGH-LEVEL INDIAN CRITICISM OF THE UNITED STATES. THEY POINTED OUT THAT REGARDLESS OF INDIAN INTENT, AMERICAN OPINION WOULD READ SOME OF THE CRITICISMS AS A "GLOATING" OVER THE U.S. SETBACK IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. MORE-OVER, THE U.S. SIDE WAS DISTURBED AND PUZZLED BY INDIAN COMMENTS ALLEGING THAT THE U.S. POSED A "SEA THREAT" TO INDIA AND THAT WASHINGTON WAS REFUELING AN ARMS RACE IN SOUTH ASIA. THERE HAVE BEEN NO ARMS SALES TO PAKISTAN SINCE THE LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO BUT REPORTS SUGGEST THAT INDIA HAS MADE SUBSTANTIAL ARMS PURCHASES FROM SOVIETS.

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2. THE U.S. HAD EXERCISED RESTRAINT IN THE AFTERMATH OF

THE INDIAN NUCLEAR TEST AND DEVELOPMENTS IN SIKKIM, AND WE HOPED THAT SUCH RESTRAINT WOULD BE TWO-SIDED. THE U.S. REMAINED INTERESTED IN AVOIDING AN UNNECESSARY DOWNWARD SPIRAL IN OUR RELATIONSHIP WHICH WOULD FLOW FROM PUBLIC POLEMICS.

3. GONSALVES STATED THAT INDIAN POLITICIANS WOULD INEVITABLY MAKE STATEMENTS WHICH THEY CONSIDERED CONSISTENT WITH AND RESPONSIVE TO INDIA'S NATIONAL INTERESTS BUT HE STATED THAT HE PERSONALLY WOULD HAVE USED DIFFERENT PHRASEOLOGY ON INDO-CHINA. GONSALVES ADDED THAT OUR DECISION TO LIFT ARMS EMBARGO CAUSED INDIANS TO HAVE LESS CONCERN ABOUT U.S. SENSITIVITIES THAN THEY HAD SHOWN PREVIOUSLY. KISSINGER

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